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Honorable Philip N. Asprodites Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Cotton Valley Vaughn Sand, Reservoir A, SOUTH DREW FIELD, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

BILLY R. PESNELL

DAVID L. SMELLEY

PAUL A. STRICKLAND

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JOSEPH L. HARGROVE, JR.

GOODRICH PETROLEUM COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Vaughn Sand, Reservoir A, in the South Drew Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to drill, designate and utilize a substitute unit well for VGN RA SUE at the location shown on the attached plat, in exception to the well location provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 904-D effective December 16, 1975.
- 2. To find that the proposed substitute unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the Cotton Valley Vaughn Sand, Reservoir A, underlying VGN RA SUA which cannot be effectively and efficiently drained by any existing well on such unit.
 - To designate Applicant as Operator of VGN RA SUE.
- 4. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Vaughn Sand, Reservoir A, in the South Drew Field, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, is defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 904-D, effective December 16, 1975.

Pertinent data concerning this application is available for inspection at the offices of Louis Gilbert & Associates, Inc., 3636 North Causeway Boulevard, Suite

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204, Metairie, Louisiana 70002-7216. Any person wishing to inspect such data should call Mr. Louis Gilbert at (504) 834-8112 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Monroe District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing and the attached plat at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of South Drew Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the

application fee is enclosed.

David L. Smelley

Attorney for Goodrich Petroleum Company

DLS:dp Enclosures

Mr. Charles McGough (w/encls.) cc:

Mr. Jimmy Marston (w/encls.) Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encls.)

Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

